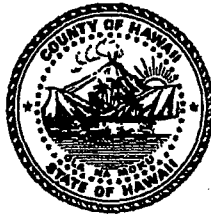


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February 19, 2008

The Honorable Rosalyn Baker
Chair, Committee on Ways and Means
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Baker and Committee Members:

Re: SB 2180

The State Legislature has been generous over the years to all the counties when natural disaster strikes. Hawai'i County would like to ask for your help again, with respect to the earthquake that struck on October 15, 2006, causing great damage on our island.

Last year's Legislature passed an emergency appropriation bill that was meant to help. We did receive \$850,000 for some of our park repairs, for which we are grateful. However, we are told by the State Department of Defense that it is difficult to tap the rest of the funding because the Legislature appropriated the money from the Rainy Day Fund rather than the General Fund, and the Governor does not believe that this is warranted.

Moreover, last year's action (HB 1345, CD 1, Act 78 [2007]) covered FEMA approved projects only. Road projects do not come under FEMA, but rather FHWA, so they could not be covered in Act 78.

The County of Hawai'i is left with matching requirements of \$1,344,089 for Federal Highways fund match; \$665,000 for FEMA match; and \$3,761,621 for Department of Water Supply FEMA match and other excess costs. Any financial assistance provided in covering these County out-of-pocket expenses would be appreciated.

I have attached a chart indicating how our numbers were arrived at, and various County departments may be submitting separate testimony. If this Committee requires any additional information, my staff and I stand ready to provide it. If I am not available, please have your staff contact Andy Levin at 961-8211, or Deanna Sako in Accounts at 961-8425.

Aloha,

Harry Kim
MAYOR

Attachment

**County of Hawaii
Earthquake Costs
October 12, 2007**

Department	Total Costs	Autorized FEMA Amount	FEMA Share	Cty 25% Match	Possible Insurance Proceeds	State Funding	County Out of Pocket Costs
Fire	96,971.52	44,484.37	33,363.28	11,121.09	52,487.15	-	11,121.09
Civil Defense	119,425.29	119,425.29	89,568.97	29,856.32	-	-	29,856.32
Police	99,634.95	99,634.95	74,726.21	24,908.74	-	-	24,908.74
Environmental Mgmt	301,743.80	122,273.28	91,704.96	30,568.32	131,894.73	-	78,144.11
Mass Transit	26,838.54	26,838.54	20,128.91	6,709.63	-	-	6,709.63
Prosecuting Attorney	1,141.70	1,141.70	856.28	285.42	-	-	285.42
Dept of Public Works (FEMA)	1,643,125.66	1,643,125.66	1,232,344.25	410,781.41	-	-	410,781.41
Dept of Public Works (FHWA)	6,720,445.00	6,720,445.00	5,376,356.00	1,344,089.00	-	-	1,344,089.00
Dept of Public Works - Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Office of Housing	3,142.03	3,142.03	2,356.52	785.51	-	-	785.51
Parks & Recreation	1,834,796.04	409,618.56	307,213.92	102,404.64	575,177.48	850,000.00	102,404.64
Dept of Water Supply	5,444,713.00	1,923,534.67	1,442,651.00	480,883.67	240,440.64	-	3,761,621.36
Totals	16,291,977.53	11,113,664.05	8,671,270.30	2,442,393.75	1,000,000.00	850,000.00	5,770,707.23

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NOTES:

1. County Out of Pocket Costs includes 25% FEMA Match (Total Costs - FEMA Share - Possible Insurance Proceeds = County Out of Pocket Costs)
2. FHWA matching share is 20%
3. Many of the costs are estimates

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2180
A BILL RELATING TO DISASTER RELIEF

PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

BY

EDWARD T. TEIXEIRA
ACTING DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

February 21, 2008

Chair Baker and Committee Members:

I am Ed Teixeira, Acting Director of Civil Defense, State Department of Defense.
I am providing written testimony on Senate Bill 2180.

We support the overall intent of Senate Bill 2180 so long as it does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the Executive Supplemental Budget Request.

The County of Hawaii needs additional funds to repair damages from the 2006 earthquake damages. The county seeks: \$1,344,089 to match the non-federal cost share requirements to repair various roads, culverts and bridges under Federal Highway Administration program; \$665,000 for the non-federal share of FEMA eligible repair projects; and \$3,761,621 to address additional Department of Water Supply repairs at the Waikoloa Reservoirs and water tanks.

The County of Hawaii was allocated \$850,000 under Act 78, SLH 2007 to address certain facility repairs. The current projection of Act 78 fund allocations will not support the county's additional earthquake recovery projects.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on this bill.